A.—(*a*) A statement giving the information is appended.[a]
(*b*) The Members of the Board were—

In 1927–28.

Officials—
(1) Chief Secretary to Government (Chairman of the Board).
(2) Surgeon-General.
(3) Director of Public Instruction.

Non-officials—
(4) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur W. L. Venkataramayya Garu.
(5) Khan Bahadur Mir Riaz-ud-din Sahib Bahadur.

In 1928–29.

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(1) Chief Secretary to Government (Chairman of the Board).
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Non-officials—
(4) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur W. L. Venkataramayya Garu.
(5) Khan Bahadur Mir Riaz-ud-din Sahib Bahadur (died in October 1928).
Muhammad Schamnad Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C. (appointed on 1st November 1928).
(6) M.R.Ry. P. T. Kumaraswami Chetti Garu (appointed on 1st November 1928).

(*c*) Rs. 1,214 in 1927–28.
Rs. 1,004 in 1928–29.

Selection of Sub-Assistant Surgeons by the Staff Selection Board.

*26 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Sub-Assistant Surgeons selected by the Staff Selection Board in February last;

(*b*) the number of Oriya Sub-Assistant Surgeons who appeared for the selection; and

(*c*) whether any Oriya candidate or any one having Oriya as his second language has been selected?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No selection of Sub-Assistant Surgeon has been made by the Staff Selection Board.

Interview of candidates caste-war by the Staff Selection Board.

*27 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on the 4th of March 1929 the Staff Selection Board assembled to interview candidates and whether non-Brahman candidates were called first to be examined by the Board and if so, why;

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 111-112 infra.

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(*b*) whether there are any orders issued by the Government to the Staff Selection Board to interview candidates caste-war ; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government will issue instructions to the Staff Selection Board to stop this practice ?

A.—(*a*) Yes ; presumably as a matter of convenience.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government see no reason to issue such instructions.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what is the matter of convenience involved in interviewing candidates caste-war, Brahmans, non-Brahmans and so on ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Under the orders of the Government the Staff Selection Board is asked to submit the names by communities such as Brahmans, non-Brahmans, Muhammadans, etc., separately. It is therefore for convenience, as they have to compare one Brahman with another Brahman, one non-Brahman with another non-Brahman and so on, that the staff Selection Board interview together candidates of each different class."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know then why the non-Brahmans are called first ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I do not think there is any particular reason for their doing so."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" Is the hon. the Revenue Member aware that Brahmans stand first in the social scale ? "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the comparison spoken of by the hon. the Revenue Member does not take place as between Brahmans and non-Brahmans and other classes of applicants ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The Staff Selection Board compare Brahman with Brahman, non-Brahman with non-Brahman, etc."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" I want to know if the hon. Member is aware that the Brahman stands at the top in society, and why he should not be called first."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Your seat is safe."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—" I put a question simply as I want information, Sir." (Laughter.)

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" No explanation for a supplementary question is permissible."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to call the non-Brahmans first as they form the majority of the population ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The Government do not see any reason to interfere with the discretion of the Staff Selection Board in this matter."